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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Lawrence C. Burnson on the
4 occasion of his retirement as Chief of the Homewood Police
5 Department on March 11, 2016; and

6 WHEREAS, Chief Burnson grew up in Chicago's Roseland
7 neighborhood, where he attended Mendel Catholic High School; he
8 has an associate's degree in law enforcement from South
9 Suburban College, a bachelor's degree in social justice from
10 Lewis University, and a master's degree in public
11 administration from DePaul University; and

12 WHEREAS, Chief Burnson began his law enforcement career at
13 the Matteson Police Department in May of 1974; during his
14 career in Matteson, he has served as a patrol officer,
15 investigator, sergeant, lieutenant, administrative aide, and
16 Deputy Chief of Police; in August of 1992, he was promoted to
17 the position of Chief of Police; on December 7, 2001, he
18 retired from the Matteson Police Department; on December 10,
19 2001, he was appointed to the position of Chief of Police for
20 the Homewood Police Department; and

21 WHEREAS, During his career in Homewood, Chief Burnson was
22 instrumental in the creation of the E-Com Dispatch Center, a

1 consolidated communications center which provides service for
2 police, fire, and EMS calls for 6 local municipalities; and

3 WHEREAS, Chief Burnson is an active member of the South
4 Suburban Association of Chiefs of Police, the Illinois
5 Association of Chiefs of Police, and the International
6 Association of Chiefs of Police; he served as the President of
7 the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police in 2007 and as
8 president of the South Suburban Association of Chiefs of Police
9 from 2000 to 2001; he has also served on the D.A.R.E. Executive
10 Law Enforcement Advisory Board; and

11 WHEREAS, Chief Burnson serves as a model of hard work,
12 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
13 Illinois; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 congratulate Lawrence C. Burnson on the occasion of his
17 retirement and wish him continued success and happiness in the
18 future; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Chief Burnson as a symbol of our esteem and
21 respect.